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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banking.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Sheng, Esq.
Chan Kit Shun, Esq. | W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN
LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
JOHN BUTT, Esq.—Messrs. John Butter &
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hullam.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—
London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI,
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

His Ex. Hui Fu Yuen. | Lim Kwan King, Esq.
Ma Kie Chong, Esq. | Chu Ming Sang, Esq.
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager.
Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [8]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £800,000

LONDON:—
Head Office: 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office: 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives deposits on current
and fixed terms. It issues Bank Notes
and pays out on demand. It also acts as
Agent for the collection of interest and
dividends on all securities held by it.
F. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [7]

Insurance.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000
STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate
of:
£6 18 0 (a) if premiums are payable for
whole of life;
or £9 11 6 (b) if premiums are limited to 20
years;
or £11 4 6 (c) if premiums are limited to 15
years;
or £13 9 0 (d) if the Sum Assured is made
payable at age 50, or at
death if previous.

* Secured payments.
THE same provisions if commenced at age 40
a. b. would cost respectively (a) £13 5 0,
(b) £11 5 0, (c) £12 2 4, (d) £17 2 8 per quarter.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
932-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

ASSETS OVER \$1,000,000.

Policies absolutely non-forfeitable.
No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling.
Rates of premium low.
Policies issued on all approved forms.
For further particulars apply to:
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.
23rd February, 1892. [140]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.
WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2, Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAEELS 600,000; £315,555-55
EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND £315,555-55

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEX CHOW, Esq. | LO YUEN MOON, Esq.
LOO TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, etc., taken
at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 1 & 3, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1178]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell
by Public Auction, on board,

TO-MORROW,
the 8th March, 1892, at 1 o'clock p.m.,
at the Premises.

THE FOLLOWING
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,
Comprising Nos. 7, 9, 11 and 13, Wyndham
Street, Nos. 14, Wellington Street, and Nos.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Wy Tak Lane,
Victoria, Hongkong, and being

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
registered in the Land Office as The
Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 138
as the same premises held for the residue
of a term of 75 years from the 22nd January,
1844, and for a further term of 75 years,
subject to the payment of the proportion of
the yearly Crown Rents payable in respect
thereof, and to the performance of the
Crown covenants to be performed in respect
thereof, and subject also to the existing
lettings and tenancies thereof.

The Houses will be sold in one lot or separate
lots, comprising one House each, at the option
of the Vendor.

For sale plan, further particulars and condi-
tions of sale apply to
WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees, Hongkong,
PALMER & TURNER,
Architects,
or to
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 25th February 1892. [248]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
instructions to sell by Public Auction, on board,

on
WEDNESDAY,
the 9th March, 1892, at 3 o'clock p.m.,
THE S.S. "KIUKIANG"

now lying in the Hongkong Harbour with all
such other MACHINERY, ENGINES, SHIPS'
STORES, FURNITURE, FITTINGS and AP-
PURTEANCES, as are now on board, except
the STEAM WINDLASS, ANCHORS and
CHAIN CABLES, FIRE PUMPS and HOSE,
which the Vendors are to be at liberty of remove
after the sale of the vessel.

Further particulars and conditions of Sale can
be obtained from the HONGKONG, CANTON
and MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED, or of Messrs. WOTTON & DEACON
or of the Auctioneer, J. M. ARMSTRONG.

A Steam launch will leave Pedder's Wharf,
at 2.30 on the day of sale, and will take off
intending purchasers.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [257]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
instructions from the Liquidator of the
"PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING CO., LD." to offer
for Sale, on

SATURDAY,
the 12th day of March, 1892, at 3 o'clock p.m.,
on the Premises, in One Lot,

THE FOLLOWING
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
situate at Victoria Gap, and on which
stands the Magnificent Building
known as the
"PEAK HOTEL."

All that portion of the PIECE or PARCEL of
GROUND situate near the Gap, Victoria Peak,
in the Colony of Hongkong, Registered in the
Land Office as Farm Lot No. 53, abutting on the
North side thereof on the Premises next here-
after described and measuring thereon respec-
tively 148 feet 4 inches or thereabouts, and 115
feet 4 inches or thereabouts on the South side
thereof on other portion of the said Farm Lot
No. 53 and measuring thereon 218 feet 4 inches
or thereabouts on the East side thereof on other
portion of the said Farm Lot No. 53 and measur-
ing thereon 118 feet 4 inches or thereabouts, and
on the West side thereof on Ground being the
Premises lastly hereinafter described and measur-
ing thereon respectively 220 feet and 4 inches or
thereabouts and 29 feet and 4 inches or there-
abouts, and which said Piece or Parcel of
Ground is Registered in the Land Office as
Section A of Farm Lot No. 53. And all that
portion of the Piece or Parcel of Ground Regis-
tered as Section A of Extension of Farm Lot
No. 53, known and Registered in the Land Office
as the Remaining Portion of Section A of Exten-
sion of Farm Lot No. 53. The above Pieces of
Ground are shown on the Sale Plan and thereon
coloured Red and Blue and contain altogether
an area of 60,000 square feet.

And also situate to all the Extension of
Section A of Farm Lot No. 53, more particularly
shown on the Sale Plan and thereon coloured
Yellow containing an area of 9,250 square feet.
Together with the Messuages, Erections and
Buildings thereon known as the "PEAK
HOTEL."

The Purchaser will on surrendering the whole
of the above Premises, be entitled to one New
Rental Building 144 Feet direct from the Crown
for a term of 15 years from the 15th December,
1872, at the Crown Rental of £48 per annum.
For Sale Plan and further particulars,
apply to

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
"Supreme Court House,"
or to
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [272]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year
ending 31st December, 1891, of 2s per
Share on Original Ordinary Shares and 1s 6d
per Share on New Issue Shares will be PAY-
ABLE at the Office of the Bank, 11, Queen's
Road, on and after MONDAY, the 7th instant,
where Dividend Warrants may be obtained by
Shareholders.

CHARTRES INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [286]

Intimations.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD., FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS, AND Commission Agents.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE.
As an excellent Table Water?
For General Debility?
For Dyspepsia?
For Gout?
For Rheumatism?
For a Nerve Tonic?
For Biliouness after
Excesses in Eating or Drinking?
With Glin?
With Claret?
With Wine?

Takuraduka Natural Mineral Water, Bottled at Takuraduka near Kobe, Japan.
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be
seen on application.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1892.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY.

WHITAKER'S ALMANACK

THE BEST,
THE MOST COMPLETE,
THE CHEAPEST, and
THE MOST USEFUL ALMANACK in
Existence.

Paper Covers \$0.40
Enlarged Edition, Bound 1.00

NOW READY.

HAZELL'S CYCLOPEDIA

3,500 Concise and Explanatory Articles on every
topic of current Political, Social, Biographical
and General Interest referred to by the
Press and daily conversation—revised to
November 2nd, 1891.

PRICE \$1.50.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1892. [6]

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DELIVERIES OF
LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
STRAW HATS.

NEW SUMMER SILKS. NEW WHITE DRESS GOODS. NEW PRINTS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [5]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"Kremlin"—A. E. C. Code.

TELEPHONE,
No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affording a quiet and comfortable accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal Landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail
Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated,
open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric
communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new
Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted
with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjacent the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES and SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are
supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey
passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.
NIGHT-PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager. [198]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS,
VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS' LAMPS,
CHANDLERS' 4, 4 or 6-1/2 Light,
Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS,
TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS,
WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS,
SHIP'S SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM and BULKHEAD LAMPS,
SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS,
CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINRICKSHA LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS,
GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTS, &c.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [29]

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.
SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION.
POISON-HIDE DARK-TAN RUBBER LEATHER and ENGLISH CALF BOOTS & SHOES.
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.
15, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [148]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ENTRIES for the ATHLETIC SPORTS
will be received until TO-MORROW, the
8th of March, 1892, at 5 o'clock.

A. DENISON,
Hon. Secretary, H.K. A. C.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [287]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fifth Ordinary General MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, Praya Central, on
FRIDAY, the 11th March, at 1.30 o'clock
in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers, declaring
a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 25th February to 11th
March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1892. [229]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary General MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Company's Office, Praya Central, on MON-
DAY, the 21st March, at 1.30 o'clock in the
afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 6th to 21st instant,
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [274]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the
Registered Offices of the Company on THURSDAY,
the 10th day of March, 1892, at 3 o'clock
in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming
the Resolution which was passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting held on the
24th February, 1892.

That in the second and third lines of Article
81 of the Articles of Association the words
"one thousand five hundred dollars" be
struck out, and that there be substituted
thereof the words "one hundred and fifty
dollars."

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment
and Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land and
Building Co., Ltd.
Dated this 24th day of February, 1892. [244]

NOTICE.

THE SHAMEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Adjourned
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above named
Company will be held in the Company's Office,
No. 5, Pedder's Hill, Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the 14th day of March, 1892, at 2.30 p.m., for the
purpose of considering the advisability of declar-
ing a Dividend, of electing a new Board of Direc-
tors, and of deciding various matters of great
importance, details of which have been for-
warded by circular to the address of every
registered Shareholder.

Attention is specially directed to the
election of Directors, to Article No. 72 of the
Company's Articles of Association, which reads
as follows:—

"No person not a retiring Director shall,
unless recommended by the Directors for
election, be eligible for election to the office
of Director at any General Meeting, unless
he, or some other member intending to
propose him, has at least seven clear days
before the meeting left at the Office of the
Company a notice in writing under his
hand signifying his candidature for the
office or the intention of such member to
propose him."

By Order of the Managing Director,
R. C. HURLEY,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [273]

MISS STOLZ.

MANICURE, CHIROPODIST
AND
MASSAGE.
No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS,
Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [290]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD CALL of One Pound (£1)
per Share is payable on or before the
12th March next.

Shareholders will please bring or send their
Providential Certificates in order to have payment
endorsed upon them.

Residents at Amoy, Shanghai and Yokohama
can pay at the Bank's Branches there, and at
CANTON, to Messrs. SHEWAN & Co.
FOOCHOW, "M. W. GRIFFIN & Co."
By Order of the Court of Directors,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. [281]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his
residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET,
all CLAIMS against him personally, or against
the CHEANG TEK KONGSEE (the late
Owner of said Firm), as well as all papers and
correspondence, should be sent to the above
address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.
Hongkong, 29th February, 1892. [263]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE BEAMS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.
L. MALLORY.
Hongkong, 14th June, 1891. [902]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAI TAN,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 8th instant,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Horseme, 5th March, 1892. [239]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA,
via INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship
"TORRINGTON,"
Captain Newick, will have prompt despatch for
above Ports after arrival.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1892. [35]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM- SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"GALIC"
The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo Importing the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1892. [2]

Masonic.

DILIGENTIA LODGE.

OF INSTRUCTION.

A MEETING of the above LODGE will
be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland
Street, on THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at 5
for 4.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are
cordially invited.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1892. [283]

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeland Street, on FRIDAY, the 11th
March, at 5 for 4.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1892. [280]

VICTORIA CHAPTER.

No. 535.

AN Emergency CONVOCATION of the
above Chapter will be held in the
FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, on
FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m.
precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1892. [284]

ST. JOHN LODGE.

OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeland Street, on SATURDAY, the
12th instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [286]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. J. A. BARRETT to
sign the name of our Firm in Hong-
kong and Canton.

WENYON & ROBINSON.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [271]

NOTICE.

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE,
DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to
"Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as
under:—

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS, &C.

COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent. of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all baby taste and flavour is entirely covered.

In glass jars at 7s. 6d. each.

COD LIVER OIL, GENUINE NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine'.

Per bottle, 7s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

Per bottle, 7s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Throat, &c.

In bottles, 5s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.

BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

In bottles, 5s. 6d. and 1s. 2s.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, thus insuring in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering, it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

Per doz. Per Bot.

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule, \$10.00 \$1.00

B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule, 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule, 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled), 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule, 6 0.60

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule, 7.50 0.75

C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule, 10 1.00

CC Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule, 10 1.10

D Very Superior Old Pale, choice old Fine, White Seal Capsule, 12 1.10

E Extra Superior Old Pale, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled), 14 1.25

Per doz. Per Bot.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule, \$4.50 \$4.50

B St. Raphael, Red Capsule, 4.50 5.00

C St. Julien, Red Capsule, 7 7.50

D La Rose, Red Capsule, 11 12.00

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

Per doz. Per Bot.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule, \$13.00 \$1.20

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule, 15 1.40

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule, 20 1.75

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 Vintage, Red Capsule, 30 2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule, 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Black Capsule with Name and Trade Mark, 8 0.75

C Watson's Abouln-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 8 0.75

D Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule, 12 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule, 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule, 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule, 12 1.10

D Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name, 10 1.00

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A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule, 4.50 0.40

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule, 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva, 5.50 0.50

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule, 12 1.00

Good Leonard Island, \$1.50 per Gallon.

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Heering's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Slegers' Angostura, Bitters, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

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THE P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 17th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

THE bark *Stanfield*, from Hongkong to Singapore, was passed by the steamer *Glenartney*, which arrived here to-day from Singapore, at lat. 21° north, long. 14° 08' east.

THE Shanghai papers state that over twenty steamers were to leave for the northern ports on Friday last (4th inst.), this being the largest number ever known to leave at one time.

It gives us great pleasure to note that our estimable evening contemporary has gone in for temperance sermons. What's your particular brand of unadulterated Scotch, friend Browne? It is said to reflect on that very hot place where hypocrites have to spend their honeymoon.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Royal Mail Steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai on the 4th inst. at 5 p.m., and left for this port on the 5th at 2.30 p.m. The *Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai on the 4th at 3.30 p.m., and left for Victoria, B.C., on the 5th at 2.30 p.m.

SEVERAL well-to-do Chinese have arrived here from Shanghai to look out for suitable steamers for the northern trade; all available tonnage in the metropolis of the North having been engaged at higher rates than usual owing to the "preposterously keen demand for handy coasters for the '92 season. On all that there is going to be a much needed boom up North.

YESTERDAY afternoon the P. & O. Co's steamer *Brindley* entered the port, flying the "yellow jack" and steamed into the quarantine ground. The Health Officer was soon alongside, and as it was found that the only flaw in her bill of health was a remark to the effect that a small-pox Chinaman had been landed at Singapore she was promptly released, and at once went alongside the Kowloon Wharf.

THE following charters have been fixed:—The German steamer *Vorwärts* has been chartered by a Chinese firm doing business in Shanghai for nine months at \$2,800 per month, to run to north China ports. The *Triumph* is chartered by the Teon Fung Hong to run to Hoihow and Pakhoi at \$2,800 per month; and the *Haknan*, chartered by the Shang Tye Hong, will make a trip to Shanghai, carrying 17,500 piculs at 27 cents per 100 catties.

MACAO was an *en fete* yesterday. A gorgeous religious procession in the afternoon, a large influx of visitors from Hongkong, a general illumination on a small scale in most of the houses throughout the city at night, and the old city much livelier than for many months past. But the weather was cold and cheerless, *Janan* attracted but a very small proportion of victims, and taken as a whole the situation was somewhat depressing. The proposed special excursion from Hongkong didn't come off.

THE *China Mail* says that the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon—nothing like an imposing title when business is meant—requires "a supply of calves." There is one particular calf in the office of our evening contemporary—a first-class calf and nothing less—that would, we feel assured, admirably answer Mr. Ludd's requirements. Interview the animal, Mr. Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, without delay, and if you can by any possible means get a supply of him to do so without more ado, and risk the consequences. This calf has no teeth, and if he ever had any he carried them in his seven-league boots.

THE season of Woodyear's Circus is drawing to a close, and those who have not yet witnessed a performance of this talented troupe should not lose the few opportunities that are now remaining. The entertainments of Friday and Saturday last were of an interesting nature, many new features being introduced, the cleverest and most amusing of which was the famous Negro sketch of "Good Day, Boss" which was alone worth doing penance to see. The humour and antics of the "niggers" are really irresistible and fairly convinced the audience. No doubt good business awaits the Company during the remainder of their stay in Hongkong.

"MARINER," writing to a Shanghai contemporary on Gap Road, light, says that a ship described as being a First Order Dioptric Revolver, and exhibiting a bright white light every 30 seconds, followed by the same interval of darkness. This, I believe, is incorrect, as I am informed it is simply a light which will show white flashes at 4-minute intervals. If the flash have a duration, for example of 4 seconds then the darkness will last 26 seconds. The British Admiralty invariably give the ranges of lights in nautical miles, and as seen from a height of 15 feet above the sea. On this basis the range of the Gap Road Light will be 18 nautical miles (see the *Sailors' Pocket Book*, Bedford, or, say, 30 English miles); but no sailor ever gives the range of a light in the latter.

Of course, it was mere invention—a "cooked" illustration to strengthen an argument; but we got there just the same. The subjoined paper was published in the *Telegraph* on the 4th instant:

A correspondent of the *Frederick* in the *Chung Tung*, to which a correspondent referred in our issue of the 27th inst., has written a letter in a *Lower Lascar*—*Lower Lascar* does a *Lower Lascar* business. *Lower Lascar* does a *Lower Lascar* business. *Lower Lascar* does a *Lower Lascar* business.

And yesterday Inspector Stanton dropped in at No. 49, Lower Lascar Row, just at church time, and finding a swarm of Chinese indulging in *Jan-tan* instead of "loss-plidin," he annexed 19 of them, who were marshalled before Mr. A. G. Wise at the Magistrate's court. On this basis the range of the Gap Road Light will be 18 nautical miles (see the *Sailors' Pocket Book*, Bedford, or, say, 30 English miles); but no sailor ever gives the range of a light in the latter.

THE *Sourabaya Courant* paints rather a dismal picture of matters now existing in Deli. Hundreds of coolies are out of employment owing to the forced closing of a number of estates. The Chinese, who have no means of livelihood are sent back to Singapore. Javanese coolies have not this advantage, and are obliged to remain in the country. They cannot get away because they have no opportunity to do so, and they have no means to pay for their passage. The consequence is that they roam about in gangs, and make the neighbourhood insecure. On one estate a band of them, 18 strong, attacked a Dutch and robbed him of dollars to a large amount besides other valuables and clothes. They have been pursued and are now in custody. But, unfortunately, they are not the only ones who have taken to robbery. The whole country swarms with these bad characters, and the police are said rarely to succeed in catching any of them. Affairs generally in East Java are anything but promising, misery and impoverishment have made such headway, among the Javanese, that children are being sold for a few dollars. At one place, a man sold his daughter, 10 years old, to a woman for 10 dollars. Elsewhere, another native sold all his children, four in number, for one dollar. Such people mark the height of the misery.

THE *Daily Press* made a mistake in refusing the services of the gentleman whose poverty and efforts to find work afforded our contemporary so much amusement recently. Had he been taken on, possibly this would not have happened—the roof fell in, and damage to the extent of about \$300 was done. The occupant of the room was asleep at the time. (Pence, Edward.)

THE *Aberdeen* arrived here yesterday from Middleborough with a full cargo of rails and railway material for Jardine, Matheson & Co's contract work on the Shan-hai-kwan railway.

A REGULAR meeting of the "Arrant" Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MR. TAN KIM CHING, one of Singapore's wealthiest Chinese citizens, and Consul-General and Special Commissioner for Siam in the Straits Settlements, died very suddenly of heart disease on February 27th.

WE are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer *Salacia*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 8 a.m. to-day for this port. Mr. Wodehouse is a passenger by this boat.

At an adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon the disputed sum of £3,928-7s. 1d. required for adjustment of exchange and balance of the £10,000 to be paid for the defence works of this Colony was voted after a long debate, Mr. Whitehead dissenting.

THE *Fried Fish Wrapper* would appear to have appropriated a new "gal" Pauline by name: Will "Brownie" kindly leave off playing the ox and the ass and tell us openly what his initial "Mummers" is intended to convey? Our imagination is that the sylvan one has been taking lessons from Dr. Eisel—hence these tears.

NOTWITHSTANDING the disturbances which have occurred in Northern China and the consequent unsettled state of that part of the country, some 300 coolies have arrived at Tientsin and are at present awaiting shipment to Shanghai. This lot, added to the number which has already reached Shanghai, should mean cheap griffins for the forthcoming Spring meeting.

THE *Daily Press* says that when the *Bermuda* was beating against a high sea and strong wind, the shaft broke, and "it was speedily found that two blades of the propeller had been lost and another was broken." A price of \$5 is offered to any scoundrel who can explain how this "speedily found out" after the shaft broke—how or how long it was found out, and at all until the ship was taken into port.

TWIXT HEAVEN AND HADES.

On Saturday afternoon Professor Victor Valais was announced to make an ascent towards those regions which the self-elected spirits of the dead have chosen as being their own special hunting grounds. The ascent was made by means of a large balloon, which was inflated by means of a large pump, and was filled with hydrogen gas. The balloon was inflated in the morning, and was ready for use at 10 o'clock. The Professor had previously announced that his adopted process of inflation and ascension was through the medium of heated air, but before the air could be heated and the balloon inflated a certain amount of hydrogen gas had to be used. The Professor had previously announced that his adopted process of inflation and ascension was through the medium of heated air, but before the air could be heated and the balloon inflated a certain amount of hydrogen gas had to be used. The Professor had previously announced that his adopted process of inflation and ascension was through the medium of heated air, but before the air could be heated and the balloon inflated a certain amount of hydrogen gas had to be used.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The shooting for the short range handicap cup took place on Saturday last, the ranges selected being 400 and 600 yards. The cup was won for the first time by Major Eytton with a good total of 68. The sports were watched last week, were shot for on a different system. The first was to Major Eytton, who made the highest aggregate, including handicap points, and the second to Lt. Haswell, R.N., a scratch man with a net total of 62. The weather being dull and heavy the light began to fall at 6 o'clock. Twenty-one members assembled, and the scores of the first sixteen are appended—

	Net.	Handicap.	Total.
Major Eytton	60	8	68
Major Turner	55	13	68
Lieut. Haswell, R.N.	54	14	68
Lieut. Hicks	54	14	68
Mr. Watson	54	14	68
Mr. Stewart, R.N.	54	14	68
Mr. R. C. Shepherd	54	14	68
Lieut. Smith, R.N.	54	14	68
Mr. R. Robinson	54	14	68
Mr. J. W. R. N.	54	14	68
Mr. A. R. N.	54	14	68
Mr. W. D. N.	54	14	68
P. O. Miller, R.N.	54	14	68
Mr. A. N. Thomson	54	14	68
Lieut. Dunlop, R.N.	54	14	68
Mr. Carnegie	54	14	68

THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the fifth annual report for presentation to the shareholders at the seventh ordinary general meeting to be held in the Company's office, Singapore, on Thursday, the 17th of March, 1892, at noon—

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Gentlemen,—Your Directors beg to place before you the annexed statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1891.

The net Premiums earned, after deducting Re-insurance and re-insurance, amount to \$215,860.37 (\$215,860.37).

The interest on investments, at \$33,597.16 (\$33,597.16).

1890. Fire Fund. After payment of all claims and returns under 1890 policies, there remained a final balance of \$30,000, which is recommended shall be distributed as follows:—

To payment of Dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the year 1890 \$20,000

To Reserve Fund, increasing that Fund to \$70,000 10,000

\$30,000

1891. Fire Fund. The balance of 1891 Account amounts to \$12,958.87, and has been placed to the credit of Fire Fund.

LONDON BRANCH.

A branch of the Company was opened during the second half of the year in the United Kingdom in the same premises as the Straits Insurance Co., Ltd., 25 Cornhill, E.C., under the management of Mr. A. S. Murray.

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of clause 103 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Lovell retire from the Board, but offer themselves for re-election.

TH. SORBY, T. S. THOMSON, Directors.

Singapore, 3rd March, 1892.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 12th.

Sir James Ferguson, Postmaster General, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the negotiations with France and Italy on the mail question had resulted in an annual saving of seven thousand pounds sterling in the forwarding of mails.

The Under Secretary for India, replying to a question by Mr. Samuel Smith, said the increased sale of duty-paid opium in the Bombay Presidency was due to its replacing the contraband drug.

Chiefs of the Salvation Army in Great Britain and the Continent, with eight battalions of the Army, embarked yesterday on eight steamers, which were gallantly decorated with flags, and proceeded to Southampton to meet General Booth on his return to England. The General was greeted with deafening cheers, guns being fired and rockets discharged. On landing, a huge procession formed at the docks and marched to the Salvation Hall where an immense meeting was held to welcome him home. The General in returning thanks spoke of the marvellous reception he met with in India and the Colonies, and said he was convinced that his Colonial Scheme was feasible, as there was abundance of room in the Colonies where, with proper management, the English poor would prosper.

February 14th.

Five thousand Salvationists assembled in Hyde Park yesterday afternoon and were reviewed by Genl. Booth. An immense procession was afterwards formed, and, with bands playing and banners waving, and members singing, marched to the headquarters of the army in the city.

February 15th.

Late last night an amendment to the address in reply moved by Mr. Sexton, that Parliament was incapable of legislating for Ireland, and that the Land Purchase Act had failed, was rejected by a majority of twenty-one, after the Opposition had obtained the application of the closure in an attempt to snatch the victory in a thin house. The address in reply was then adopted.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Under Secretary for India stated that Government was anxious to further information from India before deciding upon the claims of the Forest Department, and it was the same in the case of the pension rules of the Public Works Department.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Indian Councils' and Indian Officers' Bills. Both Bills are identical with those introduced last session. The Earl of Kimberley has approved of the Indian Councils Bill as tentative, whilst Lord Northbrook was of opinion that one of the great merits of the Bill was its simplicity. Lord Salisbury deprecated the idea that the extra representation was to be mainly confined to Municipal bodies. In the discussion on the Indian Officers' Bill, Lord Northbrook opposed the granting of increased facilities enabling officers of high rank to leave India, as he was unable to conceive any grounds therefor. Lord Salisbury, in reply, said it was desirable with the present short passage from India to England to enable high officials to come and consult the Home Government. Earl Kimberley thought the disadvantages of such a proceeding outweighed the advantages.

The Times says it is high time the Indian Councils Bill was passed by Parliament, as the delay has been almost a scandal, and it is only the extreme partisans of Congress who disapprove of the measure. The same journal advises the authorities to make saving use of the Indian Officers' Bill should it become law.

The death is announced of Mr. Harry Wardle, Member of Parliament for South Derbyshire.

February 18th.

Speaking at the Constitutional Club last evening, Mr. Balfour reiterated the charge that the Radicals have not the slightest conception of their Home Rule policy, and he believed that they were awaiting the result of the General Election before deciding what policy should be.

He dwelt on the absence of any pressure by the Radicals for dissolution of Parliament, and said that recent events had increased the absurdity of the Radical Home Rule proposals.

A fire broke out yesterday on board the British ship *Indian Empire* laden with a cargo of jute from Calcutta and now lying at Dundee. The cargo was destroyed, the loss being estimated at six thousand pounds.

The death is announced of Sir George Campbell, member for Kirkcaldy district.

The *Daily Chronicle* is informed that Lord Roberts' command of the forces in India will be extended to November 1893.

Quebec, February 18th.

The report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the scandals in connection with the Quebec Bay Railway subsidies has been published. The Liberal minority exonerates the Quebec ministers, whilst the Conservative majority condemns Mr. Mercer, the Premier of Quebec, for using a portion of the railway subsidy.

PARIS, February 18th.

In the Chamber of Deputies this evening, the Government invited a motion of confidence on the Bill dealing with Clerical and other societies, but were defeated by a large majority; thereupon the Ministers left the House in a body and have resigned.

The Irish Local Government Bill was introduced into the House of Commons last night by Mr. Balfour.

It creates County and Barony Councils, which are to be elected triennially, the franchise including women. The measure safeguards the rights of the ratepayers, and enables the Councils to manage the affairs of the localities, and to suppress corruption or oppression, the Viceroy having the power of replacing them by his own nominees.

The Liberal and both Irish parties ridiculed the Bill.

The Corporation has voted a sum of 150 guineas to be devoted to special prizes for (Indian marksmen) competing at the next meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bideley.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

On the 18th ult. snow fell in Hankow to the depth of three inches, and another fall took place on the 23rd. Had these falls taken place during winter instead of spring, according to native reckoning, all the eggs of the locusts would have been frozen to death, at least, so the farmers say. The cash market is doing a brisk business. The rates are high and no doubt they will rise higher when the tea season commences. Several new cash shops have come into existence in Hankow.

In Suichang a man called on a druggist and left with him a small package of the virus clipped from a ball of opium, promising to return for it shortly. In the meantime a customer came in with a prescription, but by mistake one of the employees wrapped up the packet of opium with the other drugs. The patient, who was a woman wearing the period of her confinement, took the medicine, and expired in a few minutes. A doctor who was called in discovered what had occurred. The druggist had to pay \$40 and the cost of "loss pldgin" performed by monks for three days to save the soul of the deceased.

On the 25th February, the two prefects and three magistrates constituting the commission for the trial of Li Hien-mow met again at the Nanking Magistrate's *yamen*. The first prisoner examined was Li Hien-mow, who gave evidence substantially the same as before. When asked whether he knew Li Kuei-chien, the accused stated that he had met him last year in Shanghai. In some of the "fast" places and formed an acquaintance, but not an intimate. Of Li Kuei-chien's actions and antecedents the prisoner knew nothing. Then Li Kuei-chien was called up. He deposed that he first knew Li Hien-mow at Shanghai. Li Hien-mow was simply his friend, and a very casual one. He knew nothing of Li Hien-mow's character or anything connected with him. The prisoner deposed that

he did try to pass himself off as the son of the late General Li Si-chung when begging for a commission from the late Viceroy T'eng Kuo-chuan, but he was then in straitened circumstances and was very nearly starved. Besides this he had done nothing against the law. The court told him that in trying to pass himself off for what he was not he had made himself liable to a severe punishment according to law, and that he must at once hand over the certificate of his present rank issued to him by the Board of Civil Office, and await further decision. Wan Sung-tung was then confronted with Li Hien-mow. Wan stated that when a lieutenant in the Fong moan army, he was sent for and by Li Hien-mow, who was then second in command. The court was surprised at the very slight cause—if it was the cause—which had led the prisoner to make so serious an accusation. Wan said he was misled by listening to other people; but he could not or would not confess who the other people were. The Court then adjourned.

CHEFOO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

February 26th.

Yet another fatality has taken place in connection with the attempted raising of the sunken steamer *Marie*. On Wednesday afternoon an experienced native diver, who had been specially sent up from Shanghai to work at the wreck, died while diving in about 100 feet of water. It is said that on that day he made two descents: one shortly after noon, on which occasion he was down for some fifteen or twenty minutes, and the second about 4 o'clock when, after being fifteen or twenty minutes under water, and those in attendance above receiving no signals on the life-line, and suspecting that something was amiss, he was pulled up to the surface with all haste and the helmet of his diving dress removed when it was discovered that the unfortunate man was quiescent. Death was no doubt due to cold and exhaustion. In one way and another the wreck of the *Marie* is responsible for the loss of twenty-five lives. Yet in spite of the large loss of life and the other serious misadventures that have so far attended the raising of the ship, the projectors of the work are still pushed forward, and those concerned are sanguine enough to hope that with the continuance of the present fine weather, another week or ten days will see the *Marie* once more afloat. To-morrow night the entertaining members of the *Swallow Club* give their second performance, which, if it is over as successful as their maiden effort to enter for the public amusement, is sure to be well received, and should go to the credit of the position which this institution has already gained. N. C. D. News.

THE MASTER OF CHINA.

LI HUNG CHANG AS HE IS AT HOME.

The reported serious illness of Li Hung Chang, Viceroy of CHIHIL and practical ruler of the Flowery Kingdom, arouses interest in the personality of that noted individual, as well as in the probabilities attendant upon his death. The fact that he has not been above patterning himself after the Western nations and has chosen Bismarck as an example worthy of being followed, is not the least notable in this connection. A correspondent of the *London Chronicle* furnishes the following readable letter in regard to the Chinese Prime Minister.

Li Hung Chang resides at Tientsin, which is about ninety miles from the capital, and is cut off from the south by the ice barrier of winter from the middle of December to the middle of March. His highness or grace or lordship, for Li is a nobleman of the new Chinese peerage, with the classic rank of a baron or earl, or duke or prince, is a remarkably fine-looking man, big of frame, bold of mien and of an almost handsome cast of countenance. He is now old and wrinkled, with a long, straggling grey moustache, and what the Chinese call a whisker on the chin, or what is known more generally as an imperial, which Li is fond of stroking. His teeth and dirty finger-nails do not, however, add to his personal charms or commend him to European visitors. His face, in fact, is a study in the cultivation and management, so to speak, of his epidermis. He is great in life, has been to long and command respect. To achieve this he has resorted to mystery. His strength exists in the fact that comparatively little is seen of him. By holding a roof from the Court he escapes touch with its intrigues. The Queen's aunt fears Li Hung Chang, because she sees so little of him. The Emperor, fast arriving at a consciousness of his own power, has heard enough of his great Minister. Doubt whether China would exist without him, as a man who has striven to obtain credit for enormous power, and he has succeeded in the endeavor. He has heard enough of European statesmen to strive after a model, and the model which he has chosen for himself is Prince Bismarck.

Little, however, is really known to the world of this ambitious Chinese Minister. He may lack all the powers which he is careful to claim. He is strong because of his self-confidence. He has his rivals at court. The very able lady who is the power behind the throne is pretty well aware that Li is an enemy would be as dangerous as he is powerful as a friend. The leaders of what may be called the Nationalist party look to Li to lead them when the hour to strike shall have arrived. They hold some conditional promise of the sort. Years ago Li Hung Chang was asked to place himself at the head of a new Chinese party. The object of this party was then, as it is today, to replace the Manchu or Tartar dynasty by one distinctly Chinese. Li, while professing every sympathy with progress, pointed out that the two factions, the court faction and the popular faction, were too evenly balanced to justify revolution. "If you failed," he said, "my reputation would be destroyed. But though this master-stroke of opportunism is a twenty-year-old story, Li Hung Chang has never ceased to be looked upon as the national leader of the Revolutionary party. On the other hand, he has never done anything openly and officially to justify suspicion of his loyalty. He has served the empire faithfully. He is a Chinese of the Chinese. He is, in fact, China. The missionaries sometimes look upon him as a kindly toward their propaganda, but at heart he is nothing of the sort. He hates foreigners, and merely uses them as a means to an end. His motto is "China for the Chinese." He would not openly quarrel with Europeans, but he steadily picks their brains and urges his subordinates to do the same. He cares nothing for religion, either native or foreign, and would live at peace with the missionaries, but he hates them, and he would want to be bolder because he does not want to be so long as it does not suit his purpose to have quarrels steadily to the foreigners. Li Hung

chang favors the introduction of Western customs just to this extent. He believes in using the foreigners while despising them like any good Chinaman. He is favorable to the introduction of railways and telephones and other new inventions, and grants concessions for the employment of European capital and ingenuity. But he will do this only so long as it may take the natives to do the work themselves. Then he would drive the foreigners, English, French and German, into the sea. It may be interesting as an illustration of his understanding of European characteristics to state that his army was officered by Germans, his navy by Englishmen, and his public works were engineered by Frenchmen.

A month or two ago a petition was sent to the Emperor from the province of Hunan, praying his Majesty to issue an order expelling all foreigners from the country, and promising to send an armed force to the Emperor about the fall of the year. This petition, of course, fell into Li's hands, but while the "grand old man" of course, he took care to acknowledge its sentiments of loyalty in terms which are not calculated to give a permanent security to the foreigners. He spoke of them as a necessary evil to be borne with until the coming of national emancipation.

The wealth of Li Hung Chang has been privately estimated by those who are acquainted with his possessions at \$10,000,000 sterling. At Tientsin, where he sits as Governor-General of the province, as well as Foreign Minister and Inspector-General of the Fleet and Generalissimo of the army, Li Hung Chang lives in a state becoming to his rank, but his habits are marked by some eccentricities, though probably no more than is to be looked for in an old man of enfeebled digestion. He is surrounded by the products of Western civilization; the Chinese fleet, which lies practically at his very doors, is a striking instance of European genius. It is difficult for an Englishman to distinguish Li's ships from those of Great Britain, while they resemble with a flitting exactitude.

Li Hung Chang, in conversation with Englishmen, affects but the most limited understanding of our language. He realizes the meaning of "yes" and "no," and now and then releases into a spattering (some of "pidgin" English which is hardly wearisome).

But these qualified efforts, at being polite to his S. Y. visitors notwithstanding, is Excellency is believed to know more of European vernacular than he cares to admit. He is constructively wise in his affected ignorance. He is thus enabled to put his interrogators at the disadvantage of an interpreter while framing his own reply long in advance. His Excellency, in short, finds his strength in concealing his thoughts. His criticism is power. Reliance, which in a Chinese is another name for secretiveness, is the strong feature of every Chinese gentleman.

That Li Hung Chang means to be on the winning side, whatever happens, is conclusively shown by his opportunism. He is all things to all men. He recently showed that he is conscious of the strength of the revolutionary party by warning the Powers not to exact too much, lest the exacting should bring to the foot greater troubles for the Christians. He meant, of course, an uprising against the Government for having rendered so much. The missionaries complain that, while he does nothing against them, he does nothing for them. That he is a man capable of not allowing his left hand to know the intentions of his right was shown as long ago as the T'ai-ping rebellion. After having promised Gordon to spare the lives of certain T'ai-ping Wangs who had surrendered, he got them beheaded. This so enraged Gordon that if he had off, he would have found Li while he was on, his life would probably have paid the forfeit of his treachery. The story is recalled as illustrative of the untrustworthy character of Li Hung Chang's word, and it is believed that time has in this respect little changed him.

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